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212th MP Co. furls colors, returns to US

After 33 years in Germany serving 3 communities, unit heads to Ft. Bliss, Texas

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MANNHEIM, Germany – In its few final days in Germany, the 212th Military Police Company, 95th MP Battalion, didn't have many Soldiers left to farewell during the unit's guidon furling ceremony Feb. 4 at the gymnasium on Wiesbaden Army Airfield, Germany.

But the atmosphere during the ceremony was one of pride for the hundreds of Soldiers who were not in formation and the thousands who have come before them to create the tradition of excellence that has followed the 212th MP Co. Dragoons from its activation in Arizona almost 68 years ago.

The formation that stood in front of family members and friends to say its final goodbye was made up of only 25 Soldiers – but they symbolized a company that has fought in every major war since World War II, including deployments in support of Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield, Task Force Hawk, Task Force Falcon, Operation Victory Strike II, Operation Joint Guardian, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom – all during the unit's 33-year tenure in Germany.

The 212th MP Co. is being reassigned to the 93rd MP Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas, as a part of the drawdown of forces in the European Theater. The furling of the unit's guidon signifies the company is in movement to another location. When the unit arrives in the U.S. at its new unit, the guidon will be unfurled and the 212th MP Co. will continue operations.

The 212th MP Co. has served the communities of Wurzburg, Kitzingen and Wiesbaden during its time in Germany.

Lt. Col. Duane Miller, the commander of the 95th MP Bn., remarked on the mission of the 212th MP Co.

"This unit and its Soldiers looks after all of us, all hours of the day, every single day with distinction, pride, discipline and a relentless sense of duty to others," Miller said.

As the unit moves back to U.S., it takes with it a long tradition of outstanding service to its fellow Soldiers, their families and their communities.

"I am sure that once it is reestablished at Fort Bliss, it will continue to carry on as a distinguished unit," said First Lt. Jessica Johnson, the 212th MP Co. commander, when speaking of the future of the Dragoons.



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Luisa Stogner, the spouse of First Sgt. Jimmy Stogner, the 212th Military Police Company first sergeant, is presented roses as a token of appreciation for her support of the company during the past three years. The 212th MP Co. held a guidon furling ceremony on Weisbaden Army Airfield Feb. 4. The "Dragoons" are being reassigned to the 93rd MP Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas, as a part of the drawdown of forces in the European Theater. (Photo by Sgt. Adrienne Killingsworth, 18th Military Police Brigade, PAO)



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First Sgt. Jimmy J. Stogner, the first sergeant for the 212th Military Police Company, with First Lt. Jessica N. Johnson, the 212th MP Co. commander, tightens the knot around the guidon at the "Dragoons" guidon furling ceremony on Weisbaden Army Airfield Feb. 4. The 212th MP Co. is returning to the U.S. and is being reassigned to the 93rd MP Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas, as a part of the drawdown of forces in the European Theater. (Photo by Sgt. Adrienne Killingsworth, 18th Military Police Brigade, PAO)



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The remaining Soldiers of the 212th Military Police Company, 95th MP Battalion, stand in formation among family members and friends at the "Dragoons" guidon furling ceremony on Weisbaden Army Airfield Feb. 4. The 212th MP Co. is being reassigned to the 93rd MP Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas. (Photo by Sgt. Adrienne Killingsworth, 18th Military Police Brigade, PAO)



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Lt. Col. Duane Miller, the commander of the 95th Military Police Battalion, shakes hands with a Soldier from the 212th Military Police Company after the unit's guidon furling ceremony on Weisbaden Army Airfield Feb. 4. The 212th MP Co. is returning to the U.S. and being reassigned to the 93rd MP Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas. (Photo by Sgt. Adrienne Killingsworth, 18th Military Police Brigade, PAO)